

# UPDATED INFORMATION



Family PACT

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## Chlamydia, Gonorrhoeae Laboratory Service Changes Rescinded

The January 2005 *Medi-Cal Update* announced changes to the scope of laboratory testing services for *Chlamydia trachomatis* and *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* covered as benefits under the Family PACT (Planning, Access, Care and Treatment) Program. The implementation date for these changes, previously scheduled for February 1, 2005, is rescinded to allow for further study of the issues. Policy for the affected service codes is as follows:

- Effective for claims with dates of service on or after March 1, 2005, CPT-4 code 87801 (infectious agent detection by nucleic acid [DNA or RNA], multiple organisms; amplified probe[s] technique) will not be reimbursed by the Family PACT Program. Claims for code 87801 with dates of service on or after July 1, 2004 through February 28, 2005 are reimbursable. Claims for code 87801 with those dates of service that were previously denied should be resubmitted.
- CPT-4 codes 87110, 87270, 87491 and 87591 are reimbursable. Claims denied for dates of service on or after February 1, 2005 will be adjusted.
- Billing restrictions for CPT-4 codes 87205, 87490 and 87590, described in the January 2005 *Medi-Cal Update*, are removed. Claims denied for dates of service on or after February 1, 2005 will be adjusted.

Replacement pages for the Family PACT *Policies, Procedures and Billing Instructions* (PPBI) manual will be issued in a future mailing to Family PACT providers. For more information regarding the Family PACT Program, please call the Telephone Service Center (TSC) at 1-800-541-5555 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays, or visit the Family PACT Web site at [www.familypact.org](http://www.familypact.org).

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